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ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBERTO R. GONZALES APPOINTS FIVE UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS TO SERVE ON 2005 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales has announced the appointment of five new members to serve three-year terms on his 2005 Attorney General’s Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys. The new members are:

David E. Nahmias, United States Attorney, Northern District of Georgia
Paul Ignatius Perez, United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida
Gretchen C. F. Shappert, United States Attorney, Western District of North Carolina
Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney, Southern District of Illinois
Donald W. Washington, United States Attorney, Western District of Louisiana

“The Advisory Committee is extremely valuable as its members provide sound advice and counsel on a variety of law enforcement issues and represents the voice of all of the United States Attorneys in making Department policy,” said Attorney General Gonzales. “I look forward to working closely with the Committee so that together we can continue to ensure that the rights of all citizens are protected and guaranteed under the law.”

David E. Nahmias was sworn in as the presidentially-appointed United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia in December 2004. Prior to his appointment, he served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, Department of Justice (2003-2004); Counsel for the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division (2001-2003); Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia (1995 - 2001); and as an Associate with Hogan & Hartson, L.L. P. of Washington, D.C. Nahmias was a law clerk to Justice Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court of the United States (1992-1993) and to Judge Laurence H. Silberman on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (1991-1992). Nahmias also serves on the Advisory Committee’s Subcommittees on Terrorism and National Security and Controlled Substances.

Paul Ignatius Perez was presidentially appointed United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida in March 2002. He serves on the Advisory Committee’s Controlled Substances and Terrorism and National Security Subcommittees. Prior to his appointment, Perez was a Partner with Booth, Arnold & Perez, P.A. of Jacksonville (1994 - 2002); a Partner with Mahoney, Adams & Criser, P.A. of Jacksonville (1992-1994 and 1988-1989); an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida (1989-1992); and an Associate with Smith & Hulsey, P.A. of Jacksonville (1985 - 1988).

Gretchen C. F. Shappert, United States Attorney, Western District of North Carolina, was appointed by the Attorney General to that office in June 2004. She has been nominated by the President and is awaiting confirmation by the Senate. Prior to her appointment, she served as

Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina from 1990 to 2004. Previously, she was Assistant District Attorney for the Office of the Mecklenberg County (1988-1990); Assistant Public Defender for the Office of the Mecklenberg County Public Defender (1983-1988); an Associate with Tucker, Hicks, Sentelle, Moon & Hodge, P.A. of Charlotte, North Carolina (1981-1983); and an Associate with Maupin, Taylor & Ellis, P.A. of Raleigh, North Carolina (1980-1981). Ms. Shappert serves on the Advisory Committee's Subcommittees on Controlled Substances and Native American Issues.

Ronald J. Tenpas was appointed interim United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois in 2003 by the Attorney General and was presidentially appointed in March 2004. Prior to his appointment, Tenpas was an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maryland (1999-2003); an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida (1997-1999); an Associate with Carlton, Fields Law Firm of Tampa (1993-1997); and a law clerk to Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist (1991-1992). Tenpas serves as Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee's Sentencing Guidelines Subcommittee and is working very closely with the United States Attorneys in their efforts to address the sentencing guidelines in the wake of the Supreme Court's recent *Booker* and *FanFan* decisions, which addressed federal sentencing practices.

Donald W. Washington was presidentially appointed United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana in October 2001. Previously, he served as a Partner with Jeansonne & Remondet of Lafayette, Louisiana (1996-2001); Division Counsel for the Gulf of New Mexico Division, Conoco, Inc. (1993-1996); General Litigation Attorney for Conoco, Inc. (1991-1994); and an Associate for Alexander & McEvily of Houston, Texas (1990-1991). Washington also currently serves on the Advisory Committee's Subcommittees on Controlled Substances and Terrorism and National Security, and as Chairman of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force for the southeastern United States.

The following is a complete list of members for the 2005 Attorney General's Advisory Committee:

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